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From the Atlantic Monthly for June.

The Red School House.

BY LUCY LARCOM.

I paid it yesterday again,

The school house by the river,

Where you and I were children,

And used to go to school,

In boots of deer, and deer-skin,

And where, in rainy weather,

The swollen river broke its crest,

So many times together.

I felt the trickle of the rain

From your wet eyelids dripping;

I caught your blue eyes twinkling, June,

When we were nearly slipping;

And thought, while you in fear and gloom

Were clinging to my shoulder,

"Oh, will the true heart be true,

When we are ten years older?"

For I was full of visions vain,

The boy's romantic dream,

You were the girl's dream, June,

And many a time you said,

Your head aching with the pain,

With the pain of the heart,

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Baker. The ordinary routine in procuring

parlour, requires from two to five

weeks, a record of the names of applicants

being placed on the books of the

attorney-general's office, which names

are taken up in their order and disposed

of. For an extraordinary consideration,

however, Mrs. Cobb agreed to procure

the parlour in question in twelve hours.

We continue our extracts:

This occurred on the 6th of November.

To secure positive and indisputable

evidence against Mrs. Cobb, I took six

\$50 treasury notes and marked them in

the presence of five persons, that they

might be identified as the bills paid for

the parlour. On the evening of the 7th,

when Howell was to have it, accompanied

by a detective officer, I went with him

to the Avenue House, where he was

to receive the document, determined as

soon as the money was paid by him to

Mrs. Cobb, and he had the parlour in

his hands, to demand of her the money.

As shown by Mrs. Cobb's testimony, the

parlour was not procured on the 7th, she

alleging that the president was sick, that

Mr. Neward was not in the city, and that

a friend of hers in the treasury depart-

ment, who assisted her, was absent from

the city, in New York, but on the

following evening she would certainly

have the parlour ready.

Accordingly, on the evening of the

8th, I again visited the Avenue House

with a detective, and the moment How-

ell paid the money to Mrs. Cobb and re-

ceived his papers, I entered the room and

demanded from Mrs. Cobb the \$500.

She at once recognized me, and remark-

ed "she had met me before." I informed

her I had been watching her for several

days. I believed I was posted as to her

doings at the White House, and said,

"You shall not impose upon the presi-

dent by your presence. He doubts

regards you as an honest woman, and

when he is made aware of your real

character, and the business in which you

are engaged, I think you will not again

be permitted to visit the White House."

She refused to return the money, and be-

came very much excited, and extremely

abusive, declaring that she had obtained

a great many pardons from the president

and she should continue to procure them

as long as she could find customers; she

said the president had a perfect under-

standing, and he dare not refuse to sign

any paper she presented to him. I ask-

ed how many pardons she had procured.

She said she could not tell, but a great

many; she had got three in a single day

and very indignantly claimed that she

had as much right to do so as other

businessmen. I asked her who among her

acquaintances were engaged in the busi-

ness. She mentioned the name of Mrs.

Ella B. Washington, she and one of the

rebels colonels and others; she said

that Mrs. Washington had obtained ten

pardons where she had obtained one;

she did not see why she should be select-

ed for arrest while Mrs. Washington and

others were allowed to be unmolested,

adding the remark: "Your action in ar-